



# News Release

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## **State revokes, suspends licenses, certifications, registrations of health care providers**

**OLYMPIA** — The Washington State Department of Health has revoked or suspended the licenses, certifications, or registrations of health care providers in our state. The department has also immediately suspended the credentials of people who have been prohibited from practicing in other states.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency's website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the [Department of Health home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

### **Clark County**

In October 2011 the Secretary of Health suspended the credential of nursing assistant **Larissa M. Michaelis** (NA60014957) due to action taken by the Oregon State Board of Pharmacy, which revoked her pharmacy technician license for using an illegal controlled substance.

In October 2011 the Secretary of Health indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Chris A. Schmidt** (NA00126168) for failing to comply with an agreed order.

In October 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credentials of nursing assistant **Ashley L. Tiff** (NA60029842, NC60057626) for failing to comply with an agreed order.

### **Cowlitz County**

In October 2011 the Secretary of Health suspended the credential of emergency medical technician **Shane D. Waliezer** (ES60193733) due to felony convictions for assault and extortion.

## **King County**

In October 2011 the Secretary of Health suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Leonor Pabillon Belmonte** (NA00077078) for exploiting a vulnerable adult she provided care for in an adult family home. She accepted the gift of a vehicle from the patient and purchased the patient's house, borrowing most of the purchase amount from the patient.

In October 2011 the Secretary of Health suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Hermogenes Lucas Belmonte** (NA00162994) for exploiting a vulnerable adult he provided care for in an adult family home. He accepted the gift of a vehicle from the patient and purchased the patient's house, borrowing most of the purchase amount from the patient.

In October 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credentials of nursing assistant **Charles L. Njuguna** (NC60075995, NA60059781) for failing to comply with an agreed order.

In October 2011 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission summarily suspended the credential of registered nurse **Alieu Drammeh** (RN00175081) due to a revocation by the Oregon Board of Nursing for forging a signature and using a fraudulent Social Security number on his application.

## **Mason County**

In October 2011 the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma System Program suspended the credential of emergency medical technician **Kevin D. Schultz** (ES01168846) for failing to report arrests for setting fires and convictions for attempted arson on his application. He was also cited for a false 9-1-1 call. His credential expired in 2007 but he applied for re-certification in April 2010.

In October 2011 the Secretary of Health revoked the credential of emergency medical technician **Michael S. Christen** (ES60165518) for lying on his EMT application and for a DUI conviction.

## **Pacific County**

In October 2011 the Secretary of Health suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Audrey R. Magallon** (NC10098895) for felony convictions in Oregon, including theft, identity theft, and computer crime. She may not apply for reinstatement for seven years.

## **Pierce County**

In September 2011 the Medical Quality Assurance Commission ended an agreed order with physician **Jerome P. Rao** (MD00018925).

In October 2011 the Secretary of Health suspended the credential of health care assistant **Jessica M. Myron** (HC00143252) due to a felony conviction for assault-domestic violence.

In October 2011 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission suspended the credential of licensed practical nurse **Gina M. Weathers** (LP00040977) for using controlled substances cocaine and benzodiazepines, and for failing to comply with a stipulation.

### **Skagit County**

In October 2011 the Massage Practitioner Program permanently revoked the credential of massage therapist practitioner **Jonathan K. Robbins** (MA00020363) for sexual misconduct.

### **Snohomish County**

In October 2011 the Board of Pharmacy revoked the credential of pharmacy assistant **Matthew R. Gephart** (VB60127148) for diverting controlled substances oxycodone and hydrocodone for his personal use.

In October 2011 the Secretary of Health suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Cathleen A. Reynolds** (NC10067148) for failing to comply with an order for an investigative mental examination.

In October 2011 pharmaceutical wholesaler **Neem Industries International LLC** (FX00057497) surrendered its wholesaler license to the Board of Pharmacy. Investigators found several health violations at the wholesaler's location.

In October 2011 the Secretary of Health indefinitely suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Tina M. Seat** (NC10019285) for fraudulently recording on an activity record that she had provided care when she had not provided care.

In October 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program dismissed charges against nursing assistant **Andrew Mambo Ngigi** (NC60161510, NA60079106).

### **Spokane County**

In October 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **JoNelle M. Shippy** (NA00040410) for failing to comply with an agreed order.

In October 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Kyle Gerald Boyd Nichols** (NA60187523) for failing to comply with an agreed order.

### **Out of State**

**California:** In October 2011 the Medical Quality Assurance Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of physician **Federico G. Quevedo** (MD00049269) due to the revocation of his California license by the Medical Board of California.

**Florida:** In October 2011 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission suspended the credential of registered nurse **Gina R. Swaffield** (RN00125024) due to revocation of her Virginia license by the Virginia Board of Nursing.

**Massachusetts:** In October 2011 the Medical Quality Assurance Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of certified physician assistant **Nicole A. Delmonico** (PA10005334) due to agreement with the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Physician Assistants to voluntarily surrender her license.

**New York:** In October 2011 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nurse **Kristen M. Ackerbauer** (RN60070361) due to suspension of her nursing license by the New York State Board of Nursing.

**Oregon:** In October 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of nursing assistant **Susan Meade** (NA00154703) for mentally and physically abusing vulnerable adult patients.

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